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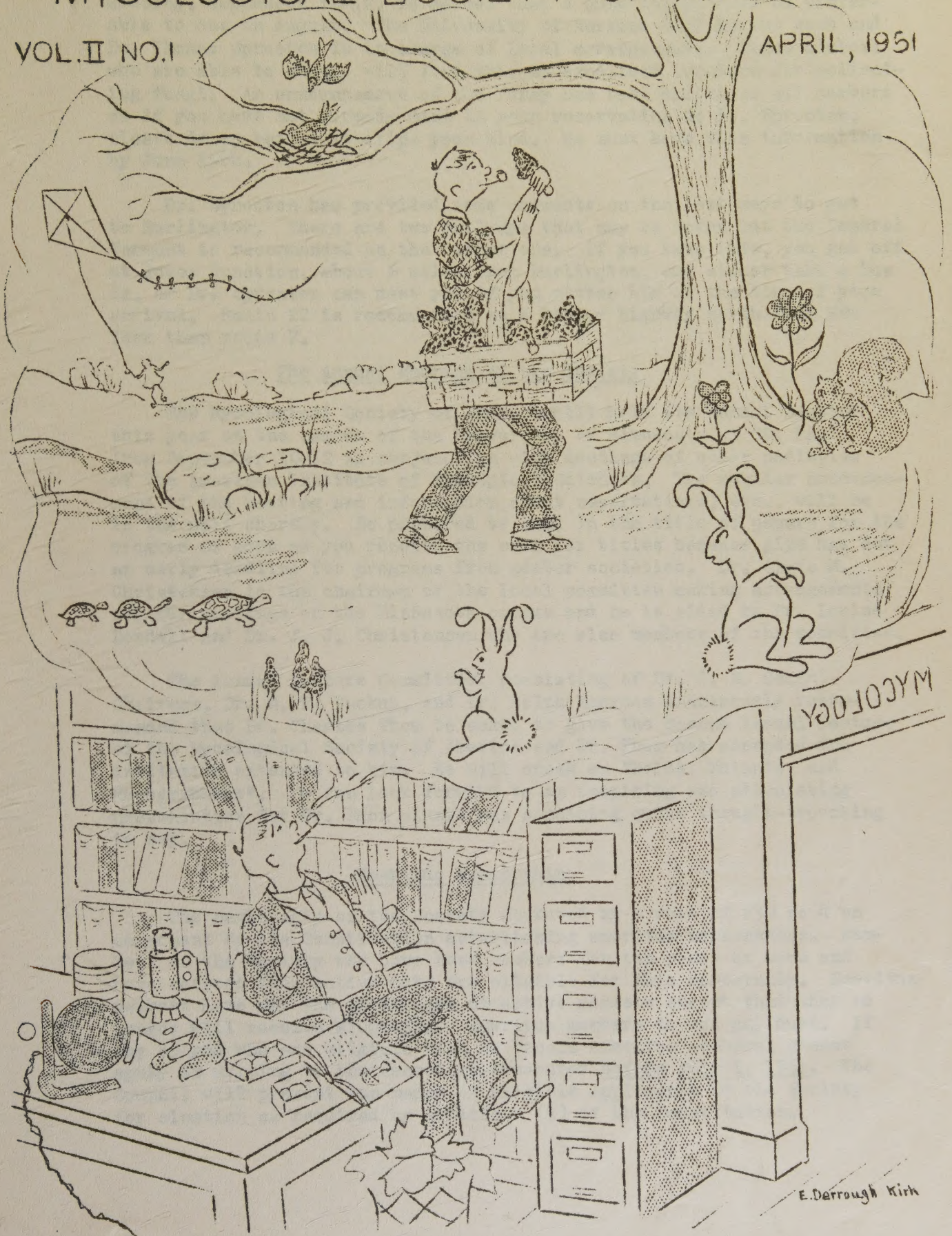

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Dr. Sproston has provided some comments on the best ways to get to Burlington. There are two railways that may be taken but the Central Vermont is recommended as the better one. If you take this, you get off at Essex Junction, about 6 miles from Burlington, and either take a bus in, or Dr. Sproston can meet you if you advise him of the time of your arrival. Route 22 is recommended as a better highway north from New York than route 7.

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Corresponding Membership

Corresponding membership in the Society was approved by a vote of 213 to 17. The Council recommends that two corresponding members be elected this year. Accordingly, will you please submit for this distinction one or two nominations, if you wish to make any, from among foreign mycologists and mail to the Secretary-Treasurer before June 15. Names of nominees will be placed on a ballot and mailed to all members about July 1. The two receiving the highest number of votes will be eligible for election by the Council as provided for in Article 4 (5) of the Constitution.

Sustaining Memberships

The Society is happy to announce that BEN VENUE LABORATORIES, INC., BEDFORD, OHIO, and EATON LABORATORIES, INC., Norwich, New York have recently become sustaining members of the Society. We appreciate your confidence in the Society and your support of our activities.

Affiliated Societies

One mycological society has indicated that it would like to become an affiliated society of the Mycological Society of America but a formal application to the Council, accompanied by credentials, has not been presented. We expect to announce at least this one affiliated society in the next Newsletter.

Mycologia

Although the January-February and March-April numbers of MYCOLOGIA were a little late in being published this year, the attempt will be made to publish future issues as nearly as possible on the first day of the second month of each bimonthly period. Papers now on hand will, it is estimated, fill the May-June, July-August and most of the September-October numbers.

In many of the papers submitted, footnotes, bibliographies, descriptions of figures etc. are single-spaced. Since such material requires always as much editorial marking and correction as the body of the text, and often much more, members submitting papers are urged to use double spacing throughout.

An effort is being made to insert the explanation of figures under or on the page opposite the figures rather than at the end of the articles. It would be helpful if authors would arrange their figures so that when reduced they will be enough less than $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches high to permit insertion of the legend below them.

Authors are urged to make papers as concise as possible. It is recognized that no general rules can regulate brevity and that full detail is essential to proper documentation of many topics. Nevertheless, many articles could be shortened by changes in wording, by elimination of repetition or by the omission of details which add little new evidence to what has already been presented. ----------G. W. Martin

Dues for 1951

There are about 50 members of the Society who have not yet responded to the "Second Notice of Dues" sent out by the Secretary-Treasurer on March 1. If you happen to be one of these, PLEASE send your check for $6.00, made payable to the Mycological Society of America, to Leland Shanor, Department of Botany, University of Illinois, without further delay. We must square our account with the New York Botanical Garden for your subscription to Mycologia, immediately!

About members

Dr. Gadys E. Baker, Vassar College, has been promoted to full professor. She is planning to spend part of the summer at the University of Montana summer biological station on Flathead Lake doing some research on soil and water organisms in cooperation with Miss Louise F. Potter, bacteriologist of her department at Vassar.

Dr. Keneth F. Baker of the Division of Plant Pathology, University of California at Los Angeles, reports that Dr. Donald Mannecke, from the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at the University of Minnesota recently has joined his group at Los Angeles. Dr. Baker has been recovering in Berkeley from an operation which was performed at the University of California Medical Center.

Dr. J. T. Barrett, University of California, took a 7,000 mile auto trip during the month of January through out a good part of Mexico. This trip was taken primarily to see the country and reports are that he enjoyed the trip immensely. He has over two hundred kodachromes as a record of this trip. He hopes to make a return trip next winter.

Dr. Dow V. Baxter, University of Michigan, presented a paper at the Alaskan Science Conference, called by the National Academy of Science and National Research Council in Washington, on "Pathology in the Future Forest Practice of Alaska". The revised edition of Dr. Baxter's book, PATHOLOGY IN FOREST PRACTICE, is in press.

Dr. Ernest A. Bessey has returned to East Lansing after an extended vacation of travel through the South where he visited a number of colleges and universities and talked informally to a number of botanical groups. While in Florida he was a guest at the laboratory

of Dr. Preston E. Fisher and visited Florida State University at Tallahassee. While in Pittsburgh early in the spring speaking some time with his son and family, he visited Dr. David Summins and Dr. I. K. Henry at the Carnegie Museum and botanists at Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

Richard K. Benjamin, Department of Botany, University of Illinois, has been awarded a National Research Council Fellowship to continue his studies of the Labyrinthineae. He will work in Dr. Martin's laboratory at Harvard University.

Mr. Salvator T. Millect is serving this year as President, Mycological Society of San Francisco. This Society was organized in March, 1950, and lasts in its second year. It has a membership of about 65. The majority of its members are amateur mycologists living in the San Francisco area who enjoy getting together on collecting trips and to exchange information.

Professor E. K. Blackwell, who, before retirement in September 1950, was head of the Department of Botany at the Royal Holloway College, University of London, is now living at 16 Stanley Avenue, Birkdale, Southport, Lancashire, England. She was among those who attend the International Botanical Congress in Stockholm last summer.

Dr. Lee Bonar, University of California, lectured before the Mycological Society of San Francisco recently on the subject "How Mushrooms Grow".

Dr. Harold J. Brodie, Indiana University, has been made an honorary life member of the Czech Mycological Society. He presented an invitation paper last summer before the International Botanical Congress in Stockholm, on "Unilateral Diploidization in Cystina".

Dr. Archibald M. Brown, Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology, University of Manitoba, ill for most of the past year after having undergone an operation and a considerable period of hospitalization afterward, now reports that he is well on the way to recovery.

Mr. T. J. Smith, State University of Iowa, is the proud father of a new daughter.

Dr. Gertrude Dorlinden continues to enjoy her retirement and is apparent research on the taxonomy of Brassia and Lycoctina. She is living at Winter Park, Florida.

The William Chambers Coker Science Building now under construction at Coker College, Hartsville, South Carolina, is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for occupancy around September of this year. It will house the Departments of Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics.

Miss E. Ruth Dearden, formerly of the Department of Botany, University of Toronto, received January 15th, 1951, and on February 2nd married Mr. Francis M. Radolmeier. Her address is 24 Arnold

Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Edward D. DeLamater, Associate Research Professor of Dermatology in the School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, recently has been appointed also Associate Professor of Microbiology. He recently presented an invitation paper at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University on the life cycles of spirochetes; and an invitation paper at Temple University Medical School, Philadelphia, on the cytology of bacteria; will present a paper on May 1 to the Torrey Botanical Club, Columbia University, on studies on the nuclear cytology and sexuality of bacteria; and has been invited to speak at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, the Cold Spring Harbor Symposium, and the Brookhaven National Laboratory Symposium on bacterial cytology and cytogenetics. A son, born to Dr. and Mrs. DeLamater in January 1951, lived for only about six weeks. Members of the Society extend sympathy.

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Dr. Cesar A. Fuentes, University of Havana, reports a new granddaughter. He has been busy recently lecturing at different hospitals on the subject "North American Blastomycosis". He accompanies this lecture with a film.

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Dr. Frank L. Howard, Rhode Island Experiment Station, reports that S. H. Crowdy of the Long Ashton Research Station, University of Bristol, England, who has served this past year as Visiting Professor at the University of Rhode Island, will return to England late in June. Dr. Howard reports also that Dr. Albert W. Feldman has left his staff to become research pathologist of the Naugatuck Chemical Division, U. S. Rubber Company at Naugatuck, Connecticut.

Dr. H. S. Jackson, University of Toronto, was confined to his home for about eight weeks during the months of December, January, and February taking a rest cure for a heart condition. He returned to his duties about March 1st.

Dr. A. G. Johnson, retired from the Bureau of Plant Industry, visits the Laboratory regularly, and it is reported is proud as punch of his two grandsons, age 1 and age 4.

Terry W. Johnson, University of Michigan, is going back into the service again this summer and has been assigned to Chemical Warfare Service, Camp Dietrick, Md. He hopes to have his work at Michigan completed before leaving.

Dr. T. A. Koshy, Head of the Biology Department, Allahabad Agricultural Institute in India, reported sometime ago that the plant pathology textbook being written by Dr. Edgar F. Vestal dealing with the major diseases of principal crops of northern India had been completed.

Dr. Elmar E. Leppik, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, visited Dr. A. Meyer-Abich, Professor of the University of Hamburg, and Director of the International Tropical Research Institute in San Salvadore on March 28 and 29.

Dr. Lee Ling, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, has been transferred with his official group from Washington to Rome, Italy.

Dr. Velma D. Matthews, Coker College, addressed the Science Teachers Division of the South Carolina Education Association meeting at Columbia, South Carolina, March 16th, on the subject "Science as a Major Factor in Modern Life".

Dr. Frank T. McFarland, for 39 years a member of the faculty of the University of Kentucky, 22 of which he served as Head of the Department of Botany, retires this June 1st. He expects to spend the summer months in Powell County, Kentucky, and then will move to near Biloxi, Mississippi for the winter season. He extends an invitation to any mycologists who happen to be near his home in Powell County during the summer months to visit him.

Dr. Ester Meyer, University of Illinois College of Medicine, reports that the Chicago Medical Mycological Society, organized three years ago, is quite active and holds three meetings a year, at which

time problems of interest to members of the group are presented and discussed. Dr. Meyer served this Society for two years as President, being succeeded this year by Miss Adele Snyder of the Illinois State Department of Health.

Dr. L. W. Miller, Professor of Biology, Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois, was appointed the Director of the University Field Services last September.

Dr. Marie B. Morrow, University of Texas, had a leave of absence from the University this past fall semester to study in the Department of Botany at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Walter J. Nickerson, Rutgers University, delivered a lecture before the Division of Mycology of the New York Academy of Science, on January 26th, speaking on "Physiological Bases of Morphogenesis of Animal-Disease Fungi".

Dr. George Nyland and Dr. W. H. English have this year initiated a new two semester course in the University of California at Davis on phyto pathogenic Fungi.

Dr. Lindsay S. Olive, Columbia University, on January 5th, 1951, spoke on "Cytology of Fungi" before the New York Microscopical Society. On March 23rd, he lectured on "Homothallism and Heterothallism in Glomerella" before the New York Academy of Science.

Mr. Albert Payette, Phytopathologist at the Federal Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Ste-Anne-de-la-Pocotiere, Quebec, Canada, has given several talks in recent months to local groups on subjects primarily related to nature conservation.

Dr. Franz Petrak, who for the past year has been spending a great deal of time in the Mycological Collections of the Bureau of Plant Industry working on a revision of certain groups of fungi, has returned to Vienna. The results of his studies will appear in a series of papers in SYDOWIA.

Dr. Adrian W. Poitras, Duquesne University, addressed the Biology Section of the Diocesan Science and Mathematics Teachers Association meeting in Pittsburgh this spring, on the topic "The Isolation and Culture of Fungi".

Dr. Rene Pomerleau has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Dr. Robert F. Poole, President of Clemson College, was elected President, Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities for the year 1951. As far as the editor has been able to determine, he is the first plant pathologist and/or mycologist to serve in this capacity. Congratulations!

Kenneth B. Raper, on October 9th, discussed "Pattern Formation in

the Simple Slime Molds" before the Biology Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and on March 19, 1951 lectured on the same subject at Vanderbilt University. He addressed the Botanical Seminar of the University of North Carolina on March 28th, 1951, on the subject "Patterns of Organization in the Acrasieae". Dr. Raper has a new granddaughter, Kathleen Marie Raper, born July 10, 1950. Our President indeed is a proud grandfather.

Dr. D. P. Rogers, New York Botanical Garden, was a recent speaker at the meetings of the Section of Mycology of the New York Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Philip L. Rusden is the shade tree pathologist at the University of Massachusetts' Shade Tree Laboratory at the Waltham Field Station. The laboratory at Waltham is an additional shade tree laboratory complimenting that at Amherst.

William W. Scott, who has been working at the University of Michigan, on March 9th, was recalled to active duty in the Navy. He is now stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Dr. Leland Shanor, University of Illinois, will be on leave of absence for the academic year 1951-52 to pursue field studies on entomogenous fungi, especially those that are exoparasites. He has been awarded a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in support of these studies. On March 6th he discussed this interesting group of fungi before the joint Botany and Zoology Seminars at Iowa State College.

Dr. Bailey Sleeth, formerly at Yuma, Arizona, has moved to the Texas A. and M. Experiment Station as citrus pathologist and is located at the Lower Rio Grande Experiment Station, Weslaco, Texas.

Dr. Alexander H. Smith, University of Michigan, is looking forward to a very pleasant period of field work in the late summer and early fall, collecting fungi in the Tahquamenon River drainage area of northern Michigan.

Dr. Russell B. Stevens, Department of Botany, University of Tennessee, went on leave of absence beginning April 1st, 1951, to serve in the Intelligence Service, Washington, D.C.

Mr. John A. Stevenson, Bureau of Plant Industry, USDA, now has five grandchildren. The most recent grandchild, James Westcott Stevenson, was born October 29th, 1950.

Dr. A. H. Sussman, University of Michigan, has received a grant from the American Cancer Society for studies on growth of Neurospora.

Dr. Charles Thom has been invited to speak at the dedication of Lipman Hall at Rutgers University on June 12th. He will speak on the subject "Fifty Years of Soil Microbiology in America".

Dr. E. L. Waldee, formerly at Utah State Agricultural College, has

become Assistant Agricultural Officer on the staff of the U.S. Special Technical and Economic Mission of E.C.A. stationed at Dejakarta, Indonesia.

Miss Grace Waterhouse, formerly of the Royal Holloway College, is now Assistant Editor of REVIEW OF APPLIED MYCOLOGY, Commonwealth Mycological Institute, Kew.

Dr. Alma J. Whiffen, The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been granted a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship for this coming year to study at the University of California.

Dr. Edward E. Wilson, University of California, delivered the 9th Annual Faculty Research Lecture at the University of California at Davis, on Wednesday, March 21st. He spoke on "Protective and Eradicative Fungicides".

Dr. Frederick T. Wolf, Vanderbilt University and Mrs. Wolf announce the arrival of their second daughter, Catherine Lee, born March 17th, 1951.

Dr. Arthur W. Ziegler, Florida State University, Tallahassee, is the proud (and busy) father of twin sons born December 3rd, 1950. The Zieglers now have three sons.

New members since the last Newsletter

Adams, Stuart L.	Louisville
Allison, Clyde C.	Columbus
Billeci, Salvatore	San Francisco
Brewster, Margaret	Lawrence, Kans.
Brock, Thos. D.	Columbus
Carmichael, J. W.	Edmonton, Alberta
Child, George P.	Albany, N.Y.
Coffey, George L.	Detroit
Converse, R. H.	Brookings, S. Dak.
Cronin, Eugene H.	Laramie
Dion, Wendy Marguerite	Saskatoon, Sask.
Ervin, Clyde D.	Pearl River, N.Y.
Exner, Beatrice B.	Thibodaux, La.
French, David W.	St. Paul
Goldie-Smith, Elizabeth K.	Chapel Hill
Hagen, Asbjorn	Oslo, Norway
Johnstone, George R.	Los Angeles
Jones, Wilbur D.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Kennedy, Louise I.	Edmonton, Alberta
Krajina, Valadimir	Vancouver, B.C.
Kuehn, Harold H.	Urbana
Leppik, Elmar E.	Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
McGahen, Joe W.	Baton Rouge, La.
McGrew, John R.	College Park, Md.
Marwin, Richard M.	Grand Forks, N. Dak.
Miner, Philip	Ann Arbor
Morin, J. Edouard	Quebec
Pangburn, Joan M.	Detroit
Paslay, Lucille A.	Detroit
Patino M., Bernardo	Athens, Ga.
Patterson, Marian L.	Detroit
Peterson, John E., Jr.	East Lansing
Scherr, George H.	Omaha, Neb.
Sigel, Edith M.	West Winfield, Pa.
Slifkin, Miriam K.	Urbana
Smith, George	London, England
Sproston, Thomas	Burlington, Vt.
Sun, Sung Huang	East Lansing
Suter, Loyal S.	Memphis, Tenn.
Tacoma, John C.	Indianapolis
Torgeson, Dewayne C.	Corvallis, Oregon
Trejos, Alfonso	San Jose, Costa Rica
Tylutki, Edmund E.	Urbana
Viennot-Bourgin, G.	Paris, France
Walsh, Mary C.	Ann Arbor
Wyllie, John G.	San Diego
Yerkes, Wm. D., Jr.	Pullman, Wash.

Welcome to the Society !!

Announcements and Notices

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The manuscript of Dr. Lee O. Overholts' lifetime work on "The Polyporaceae of the United States, Canada, and Alaska" is now in the editors hands at the University of Michigan Press and editorial work is nearing completion. It is hoped that this will be issued about June 1952.

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Dr. Leland Shaner, University of Illinois, Urbana.

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The manuscript of Dr. Lee O. Overholts lifetime work on "The Polyporaceae of the United States, Canada, and Alaska" is now in the editors hands at the University of Michigan Press and editorial work is nearing completion. It is hoped that this will be issued about June 1952.

The season approaches!

Dr. Walter H. Snell, Brown University, sent us the following rhyme which Mrs. Morton R. Gibbons of San Francisco, about 74 years of age, wrote to express some of her difficulties with details requested when collecting Boleti and Hydnums for him. We thought you might enjoy it.

MUSHROOM STUDY

First, you name its habitat:
Woods or pastures, hill or flat -
Under just what trees it grows,
(If a preference it shows?)
Is it single, cespitose,
Or gregarious and close?
Next, its pileus, or cap,
All these features you must map -
Color, texture, size and shape,
Nothing must your eye escape.
Is its margin involute?
And in age does it upshoot?
Is it glabrous (smooth) or not,
Viscid (sticky) or somewhat?
Does its color change when bruised
To pink or black or lovely blues?
Then the lamellae you take,
(Saying "gills" is a mistake)
Color, shape and size of them,
Grown to, or quite free from stem?
(But this stem you must call "stipe")
Tell unerringly its type.
(What you never, never do
When picking, is to cut it through)
You must have the whole of it
Or descriptions will not fit.
Is it bulbous, is it thin,
Hollow or with stuff within?
Has it scales or annulus
(that's the ring, contrarious,
for it makes you want to swear
it so often isn't there)
Next a spore-print must be made.
Note each slightest tinge or shade.
Lilac may as white be classed,
Cream, as ochre-spored, alas!
This requires a microscope,
Or with spores you cannot cope.
Size and shape again you note,
Tho they're tiny as a mote.
Last, you take your books, a lot -
One may give it - one may not.
Now you know the nomenclature,
You can hunt without ill-nature.
So you search with greatest care,
Offering up a fervent prayer,
BUT, O HELL! you tear your hair!
YOU CANNOT FIND IT ANYWHERE! ! ! !

The season approaches:

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MUSHROOM STUDY

First, you name its habitat:
Woods or pasture, hill or flat -
Under just what trees it grows,
(If a preference it shows?)
Is it single, cespitose,
Or gregarious and close?
Next, its pileus, or cap,
All these features you must map -
Color, texture, size and shape.
Nothing must your eye escape.
Is its margin involute?
And in age does it upstand?
Is it glabrous (smooth) or not,
Viscid (sticky) or somewhat?
Does its color change when bruised
To pink or black or lovely blues?
Then the lamellae you take,
(Saying "gills" is a mistake)
Color, shape and size of them,
Grown to, or quite free from stem?
(But this stem you must call "stipe")
Tell smerringly its type.
(What you never, never do
When picking, is to cut it through)
You must have the whole of it
Or descriptions will not fit.
Is it bulbous, is it thin,
Hollow or with stuff within?
Has it scales or annulus
(that's the ring, counterclous,
for it makes you want to swear
it so often isn't there)
Next a spore-print must be made.
Note each slightest tinge or shade.
Lilac may so quite be classed,
Cream, as ochre-spored, alas!
This requires a microscope,
Or with spores you cannot cope.
Size and shape again you note,
The they're tiny as a mote.
Last, you take your backs, a lot -
One may give it - one may not.
How you know the normal type,
You can must without ill-nature,
So you scratch with greatest care.
Offering up a fervent prayer,
SUL, O HELL! you tear your hair!
YOU CANNOT FIND IT ANYWHERE! ! ! !